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Rahman Dahlan's appointment as Minister in PM's Dept hailed

KUALA LUMPUR: Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Dr Salleh Said Keruak said yesterday Sabah stands to gain from the appointment of Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Dahlan as Minister in the Prime Minister's Department in the Cabinet reshuffle on Monday.

He said the Kota Belud MP would be in charge of the Economic Planning Unit and could also plan and propose economic development for Sabah.

"We hope he will use his position to help the Prime Minister to plan economic development in Sabah," he told a press conference.

Salleh had earlier witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding on the Executive Mode Studies Programme between the Special Affairs Department (JASA) and Universiti Utara Malaysia.

Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh, JASA director-general Datuk Dr Mohd Puad

Zarkashi and UUM vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Seri Dr Mohamed Mustafa Ishak were also present.

Salleh also expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak for appointing Silam MP Datuk Datu Nasrun Datu Mansur of Sabah as the deputy minister of plantation industries and commodities.

He said the appointments ensured a sizeable representation from Sabah in the federal administration after Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal was dropped from the Cabinet in July last year.

At the same press conference, Idris said the appointments made by Najib in the Cabinet reshuffle were apt and ensured that the government was able to provide the best service to the people.

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